



# Guidance for Determining the Value of Contribution

## EXAMPLES OF IMPACT OR SCOPE OF CONTRIBUTION

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	<b>LIMITED:</b> Affects functions, missions, or personnel of office or major subdivision of Center or HQ; affects small area of science or technology	<b>EXTENDED:</b> Affects functions, missions, or personnel of entire Center or all of HQ; affects important area of science or technology	<b>BROAD:</b> Affects functions, missions, or personnel of several Centers or has NASAwide impact; affects broad area of science or technology	<b>GENERAL:</b> Affects functions, missions, or personnel of several regional areas or commands throughout the Nation or beyond
<b>MODERATE:</b> Modification of operating procedures that has value sufficient to meet the minimum standard for cash award; idea or performance contribution of limited value of product, program or service	\$250	\$385	\$900	\$1,625
<b>SUBSTANTIAL:</b> Important improvement of product, activity, program, or service; idea or performance contribution providing substantial input to success of NASA program, project, or function	\$385	\$900	\$1,625	\$3,500
<b>HIGH:</b> Highly significant improvement of product, activity, program, or service; idea or performance contribution providing high level input to the success of an important NASA program, project, or function	\$900	\$1,625	\$3,500	\$7,500
<b>EXCEPTIONAL:</b> Superior improvement of a critical product, activity, program, or service; idea or performance contribution initiating new principle or major procedure, or providing exceptional input to success of major NASA program, project, or function	\$1,625	\$3,500	\$7,500	\$10,000